



# Village of Savoy

**Robert C. McCleary Municipal Center**

**611 North Dunlap Avenue**

**Savoy, IL 61874**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MINUTES OF</u></b> <b><u>BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING</u></b></p>
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DATE: February 19, 2020

PLACE: Robert C. McCleary Municipal Center  
611 North Dunlap Ave.  
Savoy, IL 61874

**PRESIDENT AND**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:** President Joan Dykstra, Trustees John Brown, Heather J. Mangian, Dee Shonkwiler, A.J. Ruggieri, and Bill Vavrik

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:** Jan Carter Niccum

**OFFICERS AND**

**PERSONNEL PRESENT:** Richard Helton, Village Manager  
Levi Kopmann, Assistant Village Manager, Public Works/Engineer  
Dennis Donaldson, Village Treasurer  
Brandon Martin, Director of Savoy Recreation Center  
Lon Pitcher, Assistant Fire Chief, Savoy Fire Department  
Billie Jean Krueger, Village Clerk

**OFFICERS AND**

**PERSONNEL ABSENT:**

**GUESTS:**

**CONVENED:** 7:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNED:** 7:15 P.M.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL TAKEN, QUORUM DECLARATION**

President Dykstra called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with roll call taken of President Dykstra and all Trustees, with President Dykstra and all Trustees answering present, except Trustee Niccum was absent, and a quorum declared.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Dykstra led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### **3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None Received.

### **4. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS**

President Dykstra asked if there were other agenda items to be added. No other agenda items were added.

### **5. BUSINESS**

#### **A. RESOLUTION 2020R-02 – A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR AN APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT FREIGHT AND HIGHWAY PROJECTS (INFRA GRANTS) (CURTIS ROAD GRADE SEPARATION AND COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT)**

**Trustee Vavrik made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2020R-02, as presented, seconded by Trustee Mangian;**

**By Trustee Vote:**

**Ayes: Brown, Mangian, Ruggieri, Shonkwiler, and Vavrik**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Niccum**

### **6. STAFF REPORTS**

#### **A. SAVOY VILLAGE TREASURER**

President Dykstra and the Trustees reviewed the Treasurer’s Check Register – Schedule of Accounts Payable for checks issued from 01/01/2020 through 01/31/2020.

**Trustee Brown moved to approve and pay the Schedule of Accounts Payable for the month ending January 31, 2020, as presented, seconded by Trustee Shonkwiler;**

**By Trustee Vote:**

**Ayes: Brown, Mangian, Ruggieri, Shonkwiler, and Vavrik**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Niccum**

#### **B. SAVOY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

President Dykstra and the Trustees reviewed the Savoy Fire Department Monthly Alarm Response Summary for the period 01/01/2020 through 01/31/2020 showing a total of 38 Alarm Responses, together with the Savoy Fire Monthly Report Incident List for the period of 01/01/2020 through 01/31/2020 presented by Assistant Fire Chief Lon Pitcher.

Pitcher also added:

- Eight (8) probationary firefighters coming on Savoy Fire Department.
- Fire Chief will introduce the eight new firefighters at the March Board of Trustees Meeting.
- Engine 452 is back in operation.
- Provided Mutual Aid at a fire on Carroll Avenue in Urbana. Fire Chief was very proud of how Savoy firefighters handled the fire.

### C. SAVOY RECREATION CENTER

President Dykstra and the Trustees reviewed Brandon Martin, Director of the Savoy Recreation Center's Monthly Report, Fitness Class Schedule, Membership Usage Report, Reservation Master Report, Gymnasium Schedule, Gymnasium (2) Schedule, Gym Court 1 Schedule, Gym Court 2 Schedule, Pickleball Gym Schedule, Activity Room Schedule, Activity Room (2) Schedule, and Multipurpose Room Schedule.

Brandon stated there was a good turnout (100) for the recent Mother/Son event.

Brandon also reported that he is working on solidifying the bids for the outdoor pickleball courts.

### **7. BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNICATIONS**

President Dykstra stated that the request for funding by the Human Race event would be discussed at a Board of Trustees study session in March.

President Dykstra stated she would be giving Dan Davies some information on an upcoming meeting of the Champaign County Zoning Office on cannabis in unincorporated areas in Champaign County.

Trustee Mangian stated that she and Trustee Dee Shonkwiler will be speaking an upcoming cub scout meeting. Also, Mangian stated she will be transmitting to President Dykstra, Trustees, and Staff information from residents about no parking on cul-de-sacs.

### **8. PROCLAMATION – RICHARD HELTON, VILLAGE MANAGER**

President Dykstra presented and read the following Proclamation to Richard Helton upon his retirement on 2/29/2020 as Village Manager for the Village of Savoy.



***Proclamation***  
**Village of Savoy**  
**Champaign County, Illinois**

**WHEREAS, Richard E. Helton** served as Villager Manager for the Village of Savoy from 2002 to 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** in that length of time, under Dick's leadership, the Village of Savoy realized population growth of nearly 62% from 5,606 to almost 9,000; and

**WHEREAS,** Dick was responsible for the Champaign County Sheriff's Office contract for Savoy police protection and also put together an excellent benefit package for Savoy employees, including IMRF; and

**WHEREAS,** under Dick's tenure, Savoy saw significant building projects such as the Robert C. McCleary Municipal Center, the Savoy Public Works Building, second story to Savoy Fire Station, Savoy Recreation Center, Dohme Park, Colbert Park and Lake, William A. Smith Park at Prairie Fields, Carrie Busey School, TIF development projects with CVS, Sportsvet Animal Medical Center, Sherwin Williams, Honda-BMW & Worden-Martin retention through tax incentives, Old Town Drainage, and the Curtis Road/I-57 Interchange that will benefit citizens throughout the urbanized area for decades to come; and

**WHEREAS,** Dick represented Savoy with professionalism in community, governmental, and economic development organizations. His leadership in Champaign County EDC, CUUATS, Regional Planning Commission, Champaign County Chamber of Commerce, Willard Airport Advisory Committee, and Visit Champaign County enhanced Savoy's stature and profile; and

**WHEREAS,** Dick was an integral part of the community as a member of Savoy Rotary Club for 17 years and President of Savoy Rotary Club from 2010-2011; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED,** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020, that the Village of Savoy recognizes and praises Richard E. Helton for the growth and development of Savoy during his 17 ½ years of faithful service to the Village of Savoy.



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Joan E. Dykstra  
President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

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Billie Jean Krueger, Village Clerk

**9. CORRESPONDENCE, THANK YOUS – None**

**10. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees meeting, President Dykstra adjourned the open and public Board of Trustees meeting at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Billie Jean Krueger*

Savoy Village Clerk

**This meeting was recorded.**

Approved this 4th day of March, 2020.

*Billie Jean Krueger*